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SUMMARY: FONOFF INFORMED US IN CONFIDENCE THAT CHINESE RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO PM MIKI'S MESSAGE TO PRC PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI PROPOSING INCLUSION OF "ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE" IN PREAMBLE OF PEACE FRIENDSHIP TREATY. RESPONSE WAS, QUALIFIED ACCORDING TO FONOFF, AND FONOFF EXPECTS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE TO CONTINUE DESPITE THIS FAILURE TO ACHIEVE BREAKTHROUGH. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF CHINA DIVDIR FUJITA INFORMED US IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT PEKING RESPONDED "NEGATIVELY" TO PM MIKI'S MESSAGE TO CHOU EN-LAI PROPOSING THAT ANIT-HEGEMONY CLAUSE AND FIVE PRINCIPLES OF CO-EXISTENCE SHOULD FORM PREAMBLE OF JAPAN-CHINA PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY. FUJITA ADDED THAT THERE WERE QUALIFICATIONS IN PEKING'S RESPONSE WHICH LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE CHINESE RESPONSE WAS STILL NOT ABSOLUTE REJECTION. FUJITA SAID TALKS HAVE NOT BEEN SUSPENDED, AS WAS REPORTED IN ASAHI JUNE 7. CHINESE WOULD BE AS RE-
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LUCTANT AS JAPANESE, FUJITA SAID, TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR

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BREAKDOWN OF TALKS. IN DIET JUNE 9, PM MIKI AND FONMIN MIYAZAWA ALSO DENIED REPORTED SUSPENSION OF TALKS.

2. FUJITA REVEALED THAT AMB OGAWA WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE UNUSUAL STEP OF REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH CHOU EN-LAI TO DELIVER MIKI'S LETTER. EVEN THOUGH APPOINTMENT WAS NOT GRANTED AND LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO FONMIN CHIAO KUAN HUA INSTEAD, CHIAO PROMISED THAT CHOU WOULD RECEIVE MIKI'S MESSAGE IN FULL. BASED ON RESPONSE, FONOFF BELIEVES CHIAO'S PROMISE WAS FULFILLED.

3. FUJITA EXPLAINED THAT GOJ WAS UNDER TIGHTEST OF STRICTURES FROM PM MIKI HIMSELF TO NOT REVEAL INFORMATION ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING. WE HAD RELIABLY LEARNED EARLIER THAT MIKI CASTIGATED FONOFF OFFICIALS BOTH FOR THEIR UNSUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND FACT THAT LEAKS TO PRESS ON STATE OF PLAY OF NEGOTIATIONS OCCURRED REGULARLY. JUNE 7 REPORT IN ASAHI, BASED ON LEAK, THAT PEKING HAD RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO MIKI'S MESSAGE TO CHOU AND SUGGESTING THAT TALKS BE SUSPENDED, INFURIATED MIKI. FONOFF WAS EXONERATED, ACCORDING TO FUJITA, AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL SOURCE OF LEAK (NOT FONMIN) HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. AS RESULT OF MIKI'S INSTRUCTIONS, THE FEW FONOFF OFFICIALS AWARE OF STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY ANYTHING TO PRESS AND EVEN SENIOR LDP OFFICIALS HAVE NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON PEKING'S RESPONSE. FOR THESE REASONS, FUJITA REQUESTED THAT HIS REMARKS BE TREATED WITH UTMOST CONFIDENTIALITY.
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